

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 are now pending in this application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

On page 15 of the Response dated June 17, 2008, a discussion began of the rejection of claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Igarashi et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0122866), as well as the rejection of claims 4 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Igarashi et al. in view of Hatanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,438,320). Both rejections were traversed.

The first line at the top of page 16 of the Response dated June 17, 2008 was as follows:

The invention recited in independent claim 1 has, *inter alia*, an image pickup unit for picking up an image and an extraction means for *extracting a piece of code information which is possessed on said image data from a piece of image data* acquired by picking up an image by the image pickup unit.

A review of this sentence indicates it was an error to include the word “*data*” (underlined above for emphasis) between the words “*image*” and “*from*”. A review of amended claim 1 clearly indicates that “from” is not included in the language added at lines 4 to 5 of the claim. Therefore, the first line at the top of page 16 of the Response dated June 17, 2008 should be as follows:

The invention recited in independent claim 1 has, *inter alia*, an image pickup unit for picking up an image and an extraction means for *extracting a piece of code information which is possessed on said image from a piece of image data* acquired by picking up an image by the image pickup unit.

All other remarks of the Response dated June 17, 2008 remain unchanged.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant(s) believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise (Reg. No. 34,523) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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